

Does the new policy prohibit attending regular training meetings if you don't have a DSWV card

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Does the new policy apply to the comm team training and exercise/events.

■ "My understanding is that "CERT Trained" will satisfy for that. But I will confirm, as County CERT has been changing things up." Can you confirm?

The policy applies to everyone that wants to continue as an Oceanside CERT Volunteer.

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The DSWV Application page indicates that an individual must have attended 2 meetings in the prior 12 months to renew/apply for a DSWV card. Does that apply to this round?

We are off to a fresh start. Please submit the DSWV Form even if you have not attended 2 meetings in the prior 12 months. A DSWV Form will only be sent to the county once the volunteer application, background check/ live scan and loyalty oath (for expired cardholders or new applicants) are completed.

There will be opportunities for trainings this year but you must have completed steps 1-5 as listed on the email.

Upcoming Trainings:

Oceanside Fire Department- Driver Training- Towing Trailers. Tentatively scheduled for July 2024.

CERT Mutual Aid Training- FBI Unit 8: Terrorism & CERT (August 3<sup>rd</sup>).

Do com team meeting satisfy the two yearly cert trainings if DSWV is actually required.

○ If so, is there any plan to make them more relevant to encourage attendance by those individuals whose primary focus on CERT is the comm team to respect the time they are volunteering to attend?

The communication team meetings will satisfy the two yearly CERT trainings only if there is a training or activity component. Maintenance work will not count as a training.

When will we be working on the cert coms trailer (many people have volunteered to step up and work and provide potential needed resources but nothing heard yet.

**If steps 1-5 have been completed, then we can start scheduling a day for an inventory.**

**\*If you have completed the DSWV form, loyalty oath and are waiting for the card- we can make an exception for the time being.\***

For those volunteers who have been trying to renew since before COVID do we have any messaging to earn back their trust?

○ At least one individual saw the messaging last month and intended to wait and see this time around as they have tried multiple times since their DSVW card expired in approximately 2018

■ Same individual comments that they were going to use this round as a proof CERT has improved the program and feels the messaging just days before the deadline that they need to have a DSVW worker card or they not participate at all does not instill faith that the program has corrected past issues with the program.

**Oceanside CERT has support from the Oceanside Fire Department. We are actively working to make sure folks can get their DSWV card. With the recent flooding that happened in San Diego- the Office of Emergency Services has been extremely busy. There will be a delay with the DSWV Card.**

Are the IS-100 and IS-700 courses required or not?

○ Website lists them on apply/renew DSWV card but email does not.

**It is strongly recommended but not required. However, in order to participate in mutual aid activation completion of IS 100 and IS 700 is required. Proof of completion must be sent to [cmartinez@oceansideca.org](mailto:cmartinez@oceansideca.org)**

● “The old status quo of the in-between "member" will no longer be an option due to safety reasons such as having insurance coverage for trainings/ participating in community events.”

○ Can you clarify what is a community event as restricted by needing a DSWV?

(Standing at the booth for fire safety open house or harbor days booth come to mind)

**Any Oceanside Fire Department sanctioned event is covered by the City of Oceanside whether it be in Oceanside or another location. This is only applicable if you are registered as a City Volunteer.**

○ Can you clarify what is a training.

■ Working on coms equipment or deployment of the trailer for practice at a comms team meeting comes to mind.

### Training, which must be authorized in advance

- o Commensurate with DSW classification
- o All levels: basic, intermediate, advanced, refresher
  - o Exercises, drills
  - o Classroom instruction
  - o Vehicle operational training
    - Behind-the-wheel emergency response vehicle instruction
  - o Equipment training
    - o Planned events which present a unique opportunity to learn a specific skill that otherwise cannot be exercised. Example: Operation of radio devices and satellite equipment to test communication capabilities across disciplines and among agencies.
    - o Out-of-state training when conducted in a manner geographically and functionally specific to cross-border emergency response ▪ Requires Cal OES Executive Office pre- authorization
    - o FEMA Online Trainings related to CERT- proof of certificate will be required.

### Not considered trainings

- ⇒ Unapproved training
- ⇒ Out-of-state training not conducted in a manner geographically and functionally specific to cross-border emergency response
  - ⇒ Meetings
  - ⇒ Equipment/supply maintenance
  - ⇒ Educational fairs
    - ⇒ Physical fitness testing when conducted solely as part of a license or certification requirement.
  - ⇒ First aid booths at concerts, races, etc.
  - ⇒ Vaccination clinics in a non-imminent threat environment
  - ⇒ Parades
  - ⇒ Celebrations, ceremonies, community events
  - ⇒ Fire safety events
  - ⇒ Traffic control in a non-imminent *threat* environment
  - ⇒ Travel to and from training
  - ⇒ Self-deployment

Does this mean CERT will now be covering insurance at times it previously would not

- Training meetings at the FTC use to require a an insurance coverage

Waiver

**Per the City of Oceanside Human Resources Team** “Volunteers are covered under Works Comp the same as an employee.”

What does a background check entail? Some people don't want finances checked.

**Per the City of Oceanside Human Resources team** “The background is a Department of Justice/FBI check and local check for convictions and arrests. The first form of the packet gives them the opportunity to list any convictions, probations, or violations of law they may have, and the second form is the DOJ form that asks for their name, address, DOB and is used to do the fingerprints. Finances are not checked. I attached the app and packet in PDF if you need to give any one the paper docs.”

**In order to remain on the team a Background check must be completed- no exceptions. The CERT Mutual Aid plan also requires that participants complete a background check (FBI and DOJ).**

Is there a way you don't have to make an account for the city volunteer application or is there a form without signing in?

**Per the City of Oceanside Human Resources team** “We do have paper form applications as well as paper form packets if they prefer.”

What If meetings/trainings are held at another location that isn't the FTC?

**Oceanside Fire Department is the sponsoring agency and all trainings/ meetings must be approved by OFD.**